

REMARKS

The Applicant has canceled claims 1-14, and 22 and has amended claims 15, 16 and 25.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-14 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kosmowski '603 and further as being anticipated by Kosmowski '417. The Examiner further rejected claims 1-3, 6-11 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hofbauer and further as being anticipated by Willard, III. In response, Applicant has canceled claims 1-14 and 22.

The Examiner objected to claims 15-21 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that they would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Applicant has rewritten claims 15 and 16 as independent claims in accordance with the Examiner's requirements. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 15-21 are now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner rejected claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner further indicated that claim 25 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome this rejection. The Examiner indicated that the boss of claim 25 does not have antecedent basis. In response, Applicant has amended independent claim 25 to provide said antecedent basis for the term. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 25 is now in condition for

allowance.

The Examiner indicated that claims 23 and 24 are allowed.

Applicant earnestly solicits the early issuance of a Notice of Allowance with respect to claims 15-21 and 23-25.

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